



The United States Attorney's Office

Southern District of Iowa

Oxford Public Works Director Sentenced for Using a False Document

Davenport, IA- On March 3, 2008, Mark Allen Wright, 50, of Oxford, Iowa, was sentenced to 2 years probation for one count of using a false document, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Wright to perform 120 hours of unpaid community service and pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The charge stemmed from Wright's falsification of a Mechanical Plant Monthly Monitoring Report that significantly under reported carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand levels and ammonia-nitrogen levels that had been discharged by the Oxford, Iowa, Publicly Owned Treatment Works into "waters of the United States" as that term is defined by federal law.

Wright admitted that between September, 2002, through March, 2006, he filed 37 such false reports. At the time, he was the Public Works Director for the city of Oxford, Iowa.

This investigation was conducted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division, and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa.